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AVAILABILITY

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to and including March 5, 2006 for responding to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2005. An Amendment accompanies this Petition.

[X] A check in the amount of \$225.00 is enclosed herewith. Small Entity status was previously established.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. 209203.0037) for any deficiencies or overpayments in the above-calculated fee.

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